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WRIGHT'S MARKET REPORT

S. W. (Shirt Waists) Preferred took squeeze. S. W. (Common) not affected. L. S. (Long Skirts) every one looked for a rise, but they remained in their usual place. D. S. (Dirty Skirts) have no value except through Wright's CLEANING house.

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Wright reports a larger volume of business along all lines.

WRIGHT, The Laundry Man.

LADIES HERE IS THE ARTICLE



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NORTH BENNINGTON

Mrs. Dewitt of Traverse City, Michigan, is visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Carr, after an absence of twenty years.

Charles Percy and daughter Lena are spending the holiday season with friends in Shushan.

Forrest Carr is visiting his cousin in Center Berlin, N. Y.

Miss Myrtle Mattison spent Sunday in Petersburg.

H. C. Simmons entertained a number of friends from Hoosick Falls on Sunday.

Harry Rosier spent Christmas in Troy.

Elmer F. Burgess and family of Burlington were with his mother, Mrs. H. C. Cole, for Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Ripley received a short visit from a brother in Shelbourne Falls, one day last week.

Mrs. Helen G. Wright spent Christmas with her brother in Manchester, Vt.

The Misses Edith and Ellen Peck, and Roger Peck, are enjoying a vacation from their several duties, with their parents.

Miss Edna Phillips is the guest of her uncle A. H. Phillips, in Troy, N. Y.

The Christmas tree and supper at the Baptist church on Christmas eve, was a very pleasant affair for both old and young. All the Sunday school scholars were remembered with nice gifts.

Charles E. Welling is ill. Dr. Wyman of Manchester attends him.

Tucker Lodge, No. 48 F. and A. M. held their regular communication Wednesday evening. D. D. G. M., E. H. Holden made an official visit. Refreshments were served.

Tucker Chapter No. 38, O. E. S. will hold its regular convocation Friday evening, January 1st. The officers for the ensuing year will be installed by Mrs. Helen C. Cole, District Deputy Grand Matron of Districts No. 1 and 2.

Prof. Allison is absent this week attending a meeting of examiners at Burlington.

The Graded Schools open again Monday January 4th.

Wm. Meagher and wife have commenced house-keeping in one of the Simmons' tenements over Meagher's store.

John H. Cushman and wife are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cushman.

Mrs. Geo. F. Houghton and daughter Dorothy spent Christmas at the home of her parents in Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Spafford were at Mr. Canfield's in Arlington for Christmas.

Mrs. Bailey, formerly Latitia Walbridge, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walbridge.

Mrs. E. Bottom and son Ernest were in South Shaftsbury with Mrs. Bottom's daughter Mrs. F. Howard, on Friday.

Arthur H. Cushman left Saturday for Englewood, Illinois, where he is

to open a new one for the H. T. Cushman Manufacturing Co. Mrs. Cushman will remain here for a few weeks before leaving for her new home.

There was a Christmas tree at the Methodist church on Christmas eve. There was a large attendance.

Miss Bessie Bassett is ill with the measles.

Miss Bessie Mattison is home from Wilbraham for a short vacation.

Miss Gertrude Shepherd is assisting in A. S. Hathaway's store during the taking of inventory.

Freeman Howard has sold his milk route to Herbert Dunham.

Geo. N. Phillips spent Christmas and Sunday at his home in Middletown Springs.

Jay Loomis has moved into his new house on the White Creek road.

Miss Alice Hagar of Troy is at her brother's Wm. Hagar's, for a few days.

The Young People's Union of the Baptist church held their business meeting last week Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected: President, James Peters; secretary, May Russell; treasurer, George Howard.

Communion services will be observed next Sunday morning at both churches.

The Bible Study Club met at the Congregational parsonage Monday evening.

Miss Nella Cole will return to her school in Arlington next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simonds have returned to their homes in Manchester after visiting at Wm. E. Simonds.

Miss Edna Schoonmaker has been spending a few days with her mother in Stillwater, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. George E. Street, pastor emeritus of the Congregational church of Exeter, New Hampshire, died Saturday, Dec. 26th, at the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. W. W. Ranney in Hartford, Conn.

The Bachelor Club will have a Christmas tree Friday, Jan. 7th. Small wonder that they are bachelors, when they postpone things like this.

Reeds Cash Market wagon will run to North Bennington every Friday, with full line of meats and home made lard and sausage.

MANCHESTER CENTRE

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holden of Bennington are the guests of her parents, J. A. Thayer and wife.

Miss Edith Wright, a trained nurse in the Boothley Surgical hospital of Boston, is at home for a short vacation.

Fred W. Cook and Miss Lottie Wait were married Wednesday, Dec. 23. Congratulations are extended.

Messrs. Clark and John Whipple are spending some time with relatives in town.

The children of the Baptist Sunday school enjoyed a Christmas tree and supper at the church last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Henry Lugene has been ill for several weeks but is somewhat improved.

Miss Nellie Provan of Bennington is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Andrew Provan.

Miss Edith Barrett, a teacher in one of the Providence, R. I., public schools recently visited her parents in this village.

Miss Ethel Colvin is spending the week with her cousin, Miss Mary E. Colvin in North Bennington.

Miss Cora J. Fisher is in Danby for a few days.

George H. Sessions Jr., is ill at his home on Maple street.

R. E. Bostwick of South Londonderry was in town Friday.

There will be a regular meeting of the L. A. S. Saturday evening.

SHAFTSBURY DEPOT

Mr. and Mrs. William Burt and little daughter of Arlington spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Burt.

Miss Sarah Burt of Bennington spent Christmas with her parents.

W. B. Randall has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to be out around.

Miss Ina Harrington is home from Poughkeepsie for her holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowen spent Sunday with relatives in Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler of Readsboro are visiting Mrs. Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mattison.

The Misses Kate and Rose Mattison of Bennington are home for a few days.

Edward Martin is quite ill.

Many Children Are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for children used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's home, New York, break up colds in 24 hours, cure feverishness, headache, stomach troubles, teething disorders, and destroy worms. At all druggists, 25 cents. Sample mailed free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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We think we've got, this year, the nicest line we ever had in our store. Manicure Toilets, Comb and Brush, and Shaving Sets in genuine French stag Military Brushes in solid ebony and French stag; and the prices are right. We'll save you money on anything in the perfume line. Gift packages at from 25c to \$1.00; and a fine assortment of Cigars put up especially for holiday use from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

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Miss C. S. Keyes at her No. 311 West Main St. store offers at greatly reduced prices Millinery of all kinds—gives personal attention to all orders—has a city trimmer. A nice line of Hats and Bonnets for elderly ladies, also mourning goods, Ribbons, Veils, etc. The ladies are cordially invited to call.



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Ladies' ecru Fleece lined Vest and Pants, neatly finished, regular 50c value,
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Ladies' all wool dark colored Walking Skirt, our special \$1.50 value,
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Gents' Black Hose, 50 per cent wool, regular \$1.19 bargain,
at 15c

Gents' Wright double fleece lined Shirts and Drawers, \$1 value,
at 89c

H. Rosier & Co.
Bennington Store

CORBETT WON FIGHT

Hanlon Badly Punished in Seven Rounds.

IT WAS A FAST AND FURIOUS BATTLE

Featherweight Championship Won by the "Fide of Denver"—It Is Said Hanlon Would Have Been Killed Had Fight Continued.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—"Young Corbett" defeated Eddie Hanlon in the sixteenth round of the fight for the featherweight championship at Mechanics' pavilion here last night.

In the first round Corbett did most of the leading, poking straight lefts for the face and right upper cuts, but Hanlon did the effective work in the break-aways. Corbett fought aggressively in the second round, landing one blow under Hanlon's heart that told for a moment. Hanlon then forced the champion to the ropes and held his own. The pace was fast in the next, and



"YOUNG CORBETT"

Hanlon's nose began to bleed from a straight right in the face.

They fought fiercely in the fifth, both landing lefts and rights to the body. Corbett rushed as the round closed, but failed to land. Hanlon landed a hard right on the head, and Corbett then sent Hanlon back to the ropes with a clean right to the jaw in the fifth. Corbett struck very low and was warned by the referee to be careful.

Both men did considerable talking. Throughout the sixth round Corbett seemed anxious to "mix it" at all times.

The next round was about even. The twelfth round was Hanlon's. He gave Corbett a hard right uppercut on the body and did all the forcing.

In the thirteenth Hanlon became groggy, but saved himself by keeping close to Corbett.

In the fourteenth Corbett sent Hanlon to the floor with two lefts to the jaw. He was down nine seconds. The going apparently saved Hanlon from a knockout.

In the fifteenth round Corbett plainly had his man beaten, and the referee asked Hanlon's seconds to take him out of the ring, but they refused. The champion sent the Californian to the floor with right and left to the jaw, where he took the count of nine. Corbett pounded him in the face and yelled to Hanlon's seconds to stop the contest, but they refused. He smashed his man back to the ropes with blows on the jaw until Graney interfered and gave the decision to Corbett. It is said that Hanlon would have been killed but for the referee stopping the fight when he did.

The hall was taxed to its capacity long before the bell changed, summoning the principals to action. Despite the fact that Hanlon in his previous encounter with the champion had somewhat the better of the bout Corbett was a pronounced favorite in the betting. Opening up at 10 to 8 a few days ago, the odds gradually shortened owing to the weight of Corbett's money, and when the lads entered the pavilion 2 to 1 was offered, with the Denver boy on the long end. The articles of agreement stipulated that they should weigh in at 120 pounds at 6 o'clock or forfeit \$1,000. Corbett was the first to step on the scales and just topped the beam at an even 120. Hanlon was evidently under these figures, as he failed to move the scales.

Negro Burglar's Fatal Shot.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 30.—A negro burglar entered the home of John K. Orr, two miles from this city, and, discovering Mrs. Orr alone, shot her perhaps fatally and then ransacked the house. Mrs. Orr's outcries attracted the attention of passersby, and the negro fled, leaving his booty behind him.

Ultimatum to Franklin Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Chicago Typothetis has issued an ultimatum to the Franklin Pressmen's union that hereafter the scale of wages will be \$13 per week instead of \$15. The places of any who will not accept this reduction will be declared vacant.

Mine Accidents in 1903.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 30.—Mine Inspector Evans of this anthracite district has reported forty-one fatalities and sixty-six nonfatal accidents during the past year.

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TO RENT—Warm furnished single room or rooms for light housekeeping. C. E. DYER, 12 Bank St., No. Bennington, Vt.

TO RENT—Eight room tenement on South St. with all modern improvements. A good horse barn in the rear. Elmer F. Rockwood, 20 E. Hawks, 205 North St.

TO RENT—Desirable tenements, offices and stores. Possession given immediately. W. E. Hawks, 205 North St.

TO RENT—Five rooms on first floor, modern improvements. Also a furnished room for lady or school girl. Apply to Miss M. N. Moore, 221 Park St.

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E. A. BOOTH \$10 REWARD

For the return of a small yellow Mexican leather wrist bag, lost Thursday, Dec. 24. Contained between \$40 and \$50. Finder please leave it at the Banner and Reformer office.

NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the Bennington Ratio Monument and Historical Association will be held at the Law Office of Batchelder & Bates in Bennington on the second Wednesday in January, the 15th day, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the election of officers of the Association for the year ensuing and the transaction of all other business proper to be done when met.

EDWARD L. BATES,
Recording Secretary.
Bennington, Vt., Dec. 23, 1903.

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